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Excerpts from the ASAHI

Jan. 31, 1932

"IMMEDIATE SECESSION NOT  
NECESSARY" WAR MINISTER  
ARAKI DISCLOSES ATTITUDE  
TO LEAGUE

"If possible, we hope Paragraph 3 be resorted to. However, it is a matter within the discretion of the League. Therefore we need not have any anxiety, even if an advice is drafted in accordance with Paragraph 4. Such a draft advice does not necessarily mean that we must withdraw from the League. Japan has much to say to the League. Let us first be frank with them. And if they treat us in such a way that we can no more remain in the League, then it will not be too late for us to part with them openly. However, for the time being we must try to open their eyes to the truth. This is Japan's fundamental policy which had already been decided upon before the departure of Ambassador MATSUOKA. So, no further directives will be needed. A mere statement that the attitude of the Japanese Government remains unchanged will be enough. Further details will depend on the ability of the mission".

東京朝日抜萃 昭和八年一月三十一日

今直ぐ、脱退の要なし

荒木陸相、對聯監態度を語る

日本としては素より第三項でゆけるものならさうして欲しいがそれは専ら聯監側に於て考慮さるべき問題である故に事に至つては第四項の勸告案が作成されても何等痛痒を感ずるものではない第四項の勸告案が出来上つたからとて直ちに聯監を脱退する要はない日本は聯監に向つていはいなればならぬことが山のやうにあるそれをいつてどうしても日本を聯監に留まらしめないやうな仕打をしたならその時始めて堂々と脱退してよいそれまではあくまでも聯監の蒙を啓いてやるべきであるかういふ事は松岡全權が出発する時にもう明らかに決定してゐる日本の根本方針であるから今更管々しい訓令も要るまい日本政府の意志は最初の通り何等變ることなしといつてやればよいそれから先は出先外交官の手腕に待つのみだ